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MISSION, THIS IS NOT FEASIBLE. ACCORDINGLY, SECTION
OF MESSAGE ON PANAMA CANAL REFERRED TO IN REFTEL HAS BEEN
EXCERPTED, AND IS BEING PROVIDED FOR USE, AS NECESSARY, IN
MAKING REPRESENTATIONS.

2. QUOTE. PANAMA CANAL. JOINT US-PANAMA REPORT AT

SANTIAGO OAS MEETING STATED THAT THE PARTIES WERE PLEASED TO REPORT FURTHER SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS DURING THE PAST YEAR AND EXPRESSED DETERMINATION OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO CONCLUDE A TREATY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF NON-ALIGNMENT CALL FOR JUST THIS KIND OF NEGOTIATION WHICH ACHIEVES THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES BETWEEN NATIONS THAT ARE GREATLY DISPARATE IN SIZE AND POWER THROUGH THEIR MUTUAL RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER'S SOVEREIGNTY AND NATIONAL FEELING. BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVITY OF US PUBLIC OPINION

ON THIS ISSUE, AN ANTI-US RESOLUTION ON THE CANAL AT COLOMBO WOULD, IF ANYTHING, ADVERSELY AFFECT NEGOTIATIONS RATHER THAN ENCOURAGE THEM. THE COLOMBO SUMMIT SHOULD THEREFORE AVOID ANY REFERENCE TO THE PANAMA CANAL QUESTION WHICH COULD DISTURB THE NEGOTIATIONS BY INFLAMING THE FEELINGS OF THE PUBLIC IN EITHER COUNTRY. FYI. THE SUMMIT'S ACTION ON THE CANAL ISSUE WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE WHATEVER PANAMA REQUESTS. END FYI.

3. FOR YOUR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND. THE NAM IN ITS POLITICAL DECLARATION MADE REFERENCE TO PANAMA AS FOLLOWS. IT DEMANDED THE RESTORATION TO PANAMA OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE CANAL ZONE, REITERATED ITS SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF PANAMA, AND STATED THAT THE PRESENCE OF US MILITARY BASIS IN LATIN AMERICA, SUCH AS THOSE IN PANAMA, REPRESENT A THREAT TO THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE REGION. GENERAL TORRIJOS WAS PRESENT AT THE SUMMIT, AND USED THE FORUM TO MAKE A HIGHLY EMOTIONAL SPEECH, MOST OF WHICH WAS DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY AT THE US.

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